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ARDMORE PROBE IS UNDER WAY

Principal Witness of First
Day Is Chief to Bureau
of Explosives

NEGLIGENCE IS CAUSE

Disaster Would Have Been
Averted If Federal Regula-
tions Been Observed

B. W. DUNN of New York, chief in-
specter of the federal bureau of
explosives, was the principal witness
Thursday morning before the state
corporation commission which will re-
sume the investigation of the cause
and responsibility for the explosion
of ethylene gas tank, September 27,
which killed and injured a number of
persons and caused property loss
estimated at \$100,000.

Chef Dunn's testimony was largely
of a technical nature dealing with the
nature and characteristics of gasoline
gas, its dynamic effects under certain
circumstances, government regulations
relative to its transportation, accompanied
by a recommendation that the state
should, in the event it is necessary
to formulate any new rules relative
to the handling of explosives in
transit from the findings of the investi-
gation, cooperate with the federal
government's plan for unity in the
matter of restrictions affecting the
handling and transportation of such
dangerous commodities.

The witness said he had not visited
Ardmore since the explosion but had
based his opinions relative to the dis-
aster and its causes upon information
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RECEIVER REPORTS

Final Statement Shows That Consoli-
dated Printing Company Owes \$5,500
More Than It Can Pay

Final report of the receiver for the
Consolidated Printing company, John
E. Boren, was filed in the district court
Thursday. The report shows that a
suit of the property was made to satisfy
a mortgage of \$4,978.97 held by
John Fields, and that outstanding bills
to the amount of \$863.76 had been col-
lected. Of this amount, \$888.93 has
been paid out, leaving a balance in
the amount of \$50.77, with which to pay re-
ceiver's and court costs.

The report shows that \$5,547.87 is
still due creditors of the company, and
that there are no assets to satisfy these claims. Chief items in this total
are a note owned by the State National
bank for \$250, a claim of the Western
Newspaper Union, and labor and sup-
plies claims.

CANT MELT GOLD UP FAST ENOUGH

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—So great has
been the tide of gold poured into New
York to pay the war bills of the bel-
ligerents that the task of melting it
up to be turned into United States
coin has almost overwhelmed the em-
ployees of the United States assay of-
fice here. Ordinarily about \$100,000,
000 in gold passes through the office
in a year. Since July 1, the
office has received and melted more
than \$82,000,000 worth. Nearly a
year's work has been done in the last
few months.

PRESIDENT CANNOT EVER DECLARE WAR

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—While under
the constitution congress has the power
to declare war, the president as chief
of the army and navy can take action
such as to involve the country in war
and to leave congress no option but to
declare it. This was a view expressed by
former President William H. Taft in a
lecture at Columbia University Wednesday.

T. R.'S SECRETARY

TULSA, Oct. 21.—Frank Harper,
for more than five years secretary to
Theodore Roosevelt, now is a resident
of Tulsa, with his wife and little boy.
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Petroleum company.

'BETHLEHEM' UP TO 600 DOLLARS

"War Pet" Among Stocks
Rises to New Record—
Was \$25 a Year Ago

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Bethlehem
Steel, twenty minutes after the
stock market opened today, had risen
to \$997.8, a new record and an over-
night gain of 207.8 points. A year
ago when the exchange was closed be-
cause of the war, Bethlehem was be-
ing quoted unofficially at between 25
and 30.

THE WEATHER

Continued from another column
Friday, and much change in temperature
in connection with the movement of the
front that is passing down the 80-140
degree valley; precipitation has been gen-
eral in the Atlantic coast section, from
time to time, to the westward of the
United States and fair weather, with mod-
erate temperatures prevails throughout
practically the entire country.

Local Data

Highest temperature yesterday was
temperature at night. Highest
temperature this date last year was
highest temperature this date in fact
5 years. Lowest temperature this date in fact
5 years.

Comparative Precipitation

Precipitation for past 31 hours 1.60
January 1 to this date 1910 1.60
January 1 to this date 1911 1.60
January 1 to this date 1912 1.60
January 1 to this date 1913 1.60
January 1 to this date 1914 1.60
January 1 to this date 1915 1.60
Normal to this date 1.60

Washington Forecast

Oklahoma houses fair tonight
Clouds and much change in tempera-

SOME DISAGREE ON NAVAL PLAN

Officers Not Unanimous in
Favoring Six Superbattle
Cruisers

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—While
the general board of the navy has
approved plans for six superbattle
cruisers to be built within
the next five years, many officers
and officials it was learned today, are
not unanimous in favoring this type
of ship.

Before Secretary Daniels decided to
recommend the big ship as an alternative
plan for another type of vessel to cost
about a third as much but many ad-
herents. The chief reason for favoring
the smaller and less expensive
ships, it is said, was that for the
amount to be expended on the battle
cruisers, eighteen of the other type
could have been built and equipped
probably in considerably less time.

The alternative plan suggested a
type of superbattlecruiser sent ships
ranging from 5,000 to 10,000 tons
displacement with very light armor
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guns each, one mounted forward and
one at amidships. The chief reason for favoring
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GUN MEN GONE— CITY IS QUIET

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WHERE are the crooks? A month
ago the city was terrorized by an
epidemic of holdups and robberies,
that on some nights followed each
other in such rapid succession that
extra men were detailed for the "dog
watch" at the police station, in order
to be able to respond to the hysterical
appeals for help that poured in from
frightened householders and autoists
"stuck up" on lonely stretches of
loulevard.

There were those then who laughed
at law enforcement, and said that
they couldn't understand why a gang
of crooks could hold a city at its
mercy in that fashion. And then the
state fair came on, and the timid ones
took pains to leave their valuables at
home when they went forth at night.
Not that they felt that the valuables
were safe there, but there was no other
place to leave them. For the city was
going to a holy fight during Fair
week. Everybody said so, for all the
crooks in the state came to Oklahoma
City at that time.

Crooks Had Hunch

But the Fair week slipped past, and
the robbers and gunmen failed to make
their presence known, either to the
police or to their expectant victims.

It was argued that battle cruisers of
the type recommended would not be
compelled to seek safety in flight from
anything but a heavily armed battleship.

Japan Is Rewarded

In Return for Activity in Matter of
Supplying Russia With Munitions
Mikado Is Given Island of Sakhalin

LONDON, Oct. 21.—The Cossack Ga-
rette, a copy of which has been re-
ceived here, publishes a report which
says "Russia has undertaken to supply Russia
with munitions in return for a com-
plete cession of the Island of Sakhalin."

The Island of Sakhalin, 570 miles
long and from seventeen to eighty miles
wide, lies between the east coast of
Asia and the northern islands of
the Japanese archipelago. Russia
owns the northern end and Japan the
southern end of the island.

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DENTISTS TO MEET

ENID, Oct. 21.—Preparations are
under way here to entertain the
Northwest Oklahoma Dental society,
which convenes here Saturday, Oc-
tober 23.

N. O. LANDMARK PASSES

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 21.—The St.
Louis hotel or Hotel Royal, one of
the landmarks in New Orleans, will
be demolished to make room for a
modern building, according to an an-
nouncement Wednesday night. The
structure was sold Wednesday to a
packing company and the work of
razing it is to begin immediately.

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ADOPTS MILITARY TRAINING

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 21.—Cal-
ifornia will add military training as
a part of the regular high school
course according to an announcement
by the board of education here Thursday.
The ruling affects 17 high school
companies already organized.

Smash in Hog Prices Pointed
to in Support of Conten-
tion as to Foreign Trade

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—That the
smash in hog prices of from \$75
to \$100 per hundredweight in the last
48 hours was largely the result of
Great Britain's interference with the
United States' commerce with neutral
European nations was charged Thurs-
day by E. A. La Bart, an official of
Morris & Company.

"The fact was pointed out several
weeks ago by the American packers
that unless some action were taken by
the United States, the livestock busi-
ness of this country would in large
measure go to ruin," he said. "The
breaks in prices are only a forerunner
of what can naturally be expected."

HELD BREATH 10 MIN.

BERKLEY, Calif., Oct. 21.—What was claimed today
to be a new record for voluntary suspension of respiration
has been made by Warren D. Horner, a graduate
student of the University of California, in an experiment
conducted by Saxon Temple Pope, instructor in surgery.
Dr. Pope caused Horner to hold his breath ten minutes
and ten seconds.

INDICTED FOR MURDER

GRAY, Ga., Oct. 21.—James and
Woodell Green, white men, were in-
dicted here Wednesday for the murder of
Alonzo Green, a negro, and his son
near here several weeks ago. Silas
Turner, a white farmer, had been
killed by a negro and several negroes
were lynched by a mob after Turner's
death. Alonzo Green and his son
were shot to death near their home.

The President's Thanksgiving Day Proclamation

"It has long been the honored custom of our people to turn in the fruitful autumn of the year its praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for his many blessings and mercies to us as a nation. The year that is now drawing to a close since we last observed our day of national thanksgiving has been, while a year of discipline because of the mighty forces of war and changes which have disturbed the world, also a year of special blessing for us.

"Another year of peace has been vouchsafed us, another year in which not only to take thought of our duty to ourselves and to mankind, but also to adjust ourselves to many responsibilities thrust upon us by a war which has involved almost the whole of Europe. We have been able to assert our rights and the rights of mankind without breach of friendship with the great nations with whom we have had to deal and while we have asserted rights we have been able also to perform duties and exercise privileges of succor and helpfulness which should serve to demonstrate our desire to make the affairs of friendship the means of truly disinterested and unselfish service.

"Our ability to serve all who could avail themselves of our services in the midst of crisis has been increased by a gracious providence, by more and more abundant crops, our ample financial resources have enabled us to steady the markets of the world and facilitate necessary movement of commerce which the war might otherwise have rendered impossible and one people have come more and more to a sober realization of the part they have been called upon to play in a time when all the world is shaken by unparalleled distresses and disasters.

"The extraordinary circumstances of such a time have done much to quiet our national consciousness and deepen and confirm our confidence in the principles of peace and freedom by which we have always sought to be guided. Out of darkness and perplexities have often finer counsels of policy and clearer preception of the essential welfare of the nation. We have prospered while other people were at war, but our prosperity has been vouchsafed us, we believe, only that we might better perform the functions which war has rendered impossible for them to perform.

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the twenty-fifth of November, next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and invite the people throughout the land to cease from their wonted occupations and in their several homes and places of worship render thanks to Almighty God.

"In witness, whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the City of Washington, this twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, and of the independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and forty-third.

Robert Lansing, Secretary of State
(Signed) By the President

"WOODROW WILSON"

THE RICH CONTROL IN EDUCATION NOWDAYS

CASPER GETS 9 YRS. AND \$33000

Confessed Head of Wholesale
Moonshine Trust Draws
Heavy Sentence

SEPARATION IS DENIED CASLERS

Judge Reads Severe Lecture
and Advises Some At-
tempt at Reconciliation

AT the close of the arguments in
the Casler separate maintenance
and alimony suit Thursday morning,
District Judge Hayson arraigned Howard
and Lillian Casler and sentenced them to
nine days in the Leavenworth pen-
itentiary and to pay a fine of \$33,000.

The six others who admitted their
guilt received sentences varying from
six months in jail to two years in the
penitentiary.

The testimony in the case showed
that continuous fussing and fighting
had marred the Caslers lives for 18
years. She charged that Casler had
repeatedly beaten her and that he re-
fused to buy the necessities of life for her.

Casper filed a counter-suit, and
asked for a divorce, claiming that his
wife, who ran a rooming house, pocketed
all the money she made, and then
blamed him for all she could get.

He also charged that she had thrown
an iron at him, and had forced him to
leave home.

"I am going to take this case under advisement," said Judge Hayson.

"It seems to me that two people, who have brought children into the world, if by chance, they find they have made a mistake and are not congenial, that the least they can do in justice to the little ones is to forget their differences and try to make a good home for the children, instead of turning that home into a battlefield." To me, the testimony shows that both parties are at fault, and I trust that a reconciliation, or at least some settlement can be arrived at for the children's sake. In the meanwhile, the temporary alimony and court order will be in effect."

Attorneys for Mrs. Casler assured
the court that a reconciliation was not
possible, but the judge was obstinate,
and stated that he would take the
matter up again at his convenience.

He intimated, however, that he would
grant a divorce to the husband and give
the mother the custody of the children,
together with enough to support them.

Casper for the defense announced
that they expected that the govern-
ment would call former President Taft

as a witness in connection with a
conference between Mr. Taft and Lewis

Cass Ledyard in regard to the taking
over of Boston & Maine stock by the
New Haven.

Former President May Be
Asked to Tell About Cer-
tain Railway Stock

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Under the
ruling of Judge Hunt that the
government prosecutors in the Sou-
thern spy case against ten former di-
rectors and the former counsel of the
New Haven railroad are at liberty to

trace the beginnings of the alleged con-
spiracy to monopolize the traffic in
New England, Charles Mellen, for-
merly president of the road, was pre-
pared Thursday to continue his testi-
mony.

Counsel for